

**(West Windsor, NJ) – On Wednesday, May 18, U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) and Undersecretary of Education Martha Kanter will host a town hall for students and faculty of Mercer County Community College (MCCC).**

During her visit to MCCC, Undersecretary Kanter will meet with the presidents of New Jersey universities and community colleges, and she will learn about MCCC's unique efforts to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century job market. The town hall will provide students and faculty an opportunity to voice their views on higher education policy and to share their needs with one of the country's most senior education officials. The conversation will also inform Undersecretary Kanter's efforts to strengthen community colleges nationwide.

The event is free and open to press and the public. Members of the media who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP to [thomas.seay@mail.house.gov](mailto:thomas.seay@mail.house.gov).

**WHO:** Rep. Rush Holt and Undersecretary Martha Kanter

**WHAT:** Town Hall with MCCC Students and Faculty

**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**WHERE:** Mercer County Community College

Conference Center Auditorium

1200 Old Trenton Road

West Windsor, NJ 08550

Martha J. Kanter was confirmed by the Senate as Undersecretary of Education on June 19, 2009. She reports to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and oversees policies, programs, and activities related to postsecondary education, adult and career-technical education, federal student aid, and five White House Initiatives on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Educational Excellence for Hispanics, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Kanter is charged with planning and policy responsibilities to implement the president's goal for the U.S. to have "the best educated, most competitive workforce in the world by 2020" as measured by the proportion of college graduates over the next decade. A full biography is available online at <http://www2.ed.gov/news/staff/bios/kanter.html>

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